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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER DESAI'S VISIT

1. MEA HAS PROVIDED US WITH LIST OF THOSE COMPRISING PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL PARTY, I.E. THOSE FOR WHOSE EXPENSES USG IS RESPONSIBLE. OTHER GOI OFFICIALS MAY ACCOMPANY PM BUT AT GOI EXPENSE.

2. LIST, IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE, IS AS FOLLOWS:

MORARJI DESAI, PRIME MINISTER:

ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS;

N.A. PALKHIVALA, AMBASSADOR OF INDIA IN WASHINGTON;

V. SHANKAR, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER;

KANTIBHAI DESAI;

J.S. MEHTA, FOREIGN SECRETARY;

 $V.Y.\ TONPE, SPECIAL\ PRIVATE\ SECRETARY\ TO\ P.V.$

 $A.G.\ ASRANI,\ JOINT\ SECRETARY\ (AMERICAS\ DIVISION),$

MEA:

S.V. PURUSHOTTAM, JOINT SECRETARY (EXTERNAL

PUBLICITY DIVISION), MEA;

H.S. SHAH, JOINT SECRETARY TO THE P.V.

K. P. MEDHEKAR, JOINT SECRETARY;

M.L. JAIDKA, SECURITY OFFICER.

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3. IT IS STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER MRS. KANTIBHAI DESAI, THE PM'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, WILL GO TO U.S. SHE MAY TRAVEL INDEPENDENTLY OF OFFICIAL PARTY BUT BE IN U.S. AT THE SAME TIME. IF SHE DOES GO, THEN SHE AND MRS. PALKHIVALA WOULD BE LISTED IN OFFICIAL PARTY, DISPLACING TWO OTHERS ON LIST ABOVE.

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